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In re Application of :  
Frank Tuccio :  
Application No. 10/659,514 :  
Filed: September 10, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 1016-013P/JAB :

DECISION REFUSING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is in response to the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), filed March 22, 2004. The petition was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for consideration.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor or legal representative cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; (3) the petition fee; (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor or legal representative; (5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application; and (6) proof of irreparable damage. The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (2).

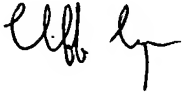
As to requirement (2), the oath or declaration must list the citizenship of the non-signing inventor. The citizenship information for Tuccio is absent from the declaration.

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